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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota) BNSF finishes \$400 million in upgrades in ND: Double track connecting Minot to Williston part of major improvement.** The last of 55 miles of new double railroad track was placed into service in northwestern North Dakota this past week by BNSF Railway, as the company works to ease the backlog of rail shipments that have plagued the state and region.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/bnsf-finishes-400-million-upgrades-nd-double-track-connecting-minot-williston-part-major>

**(North Dakota) Disruption to phone service; cut to fiber-optic cable disrupts area landline service.** Phone service was restored to landline phone users in Stutsman and Barnes counties October 31 after being disrupted for over 6 hours when a CenturyLink fiber-optic line west of Valley City was inadvertently cut.

<http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/disruption-phone-service-cut-fiber-optic-cable-disrupts-area-landline-service>

**(North Dakota) 2 nuclear commanders fired, another disciplined.** The Air Force on Monday fired two more nuclear commanders and disciplined a third, fresh evidence of leadership lapses in a nuclear missile corps that has suffered a rash of recent setbacks, including the firing last year of its top commander.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/27261025/2-nuclear-commanders-fired-another-disciplined>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Patient dies after violent rampage at hospital in Maplewood, Minn.** A patient at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood died in a struggle with police officers following his attack on four nurses with a metal bar November 2. Two nurses suffered serious injuries after the patient began his attack and fled the hospital before police attempted to subdue him.

<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/27186219/patient-dies-after-violent-rampage-at-hospital-in-maplewood-minn>

**(South Dakota) Meade School District dealing with information breach.** South Dakota's Meade School District discovered a computer breach October 30 caused by an internal computer error that made hundreds of Social Security numbers of

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former students available online by allowing access to the district's transcript server. Authorities worked to determine the origin of the breach and correct the issue. [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/meade-school-district-dealing-with-information-breach/article\\_270ad32f-f63c-5f66-8331-391ec0d6b2a8.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/meade-school-district-dealing-with-information-breach/article_270ad32f-f63c-5f66-8331-391ec0d6b2a8.html)

**(Wyoming) One killed, another injured in oil tank explosion west of Cheyenne.** A welder working on top of a tank at Tri State Oil Reclaimers near Cheyenne was killed and a second person was injured after the oil tank exploded October 30. Authorities are investigating the explosion.

[http://trib.com/business/energy/officials-respond-to-oil-field-tank-explosion-west-of-cheyenne/article\\_a60d4866-92b1-544e-8daa-3e8daae4c96f.html](http://trib.com/business/energy/officials-respond-to-oil-field-tank-explosion-west-of-cheyenne/article_a60d4866-92b1-544e-8daa-3e8daae4c96f.html)

**(Minnesota) 911 service problem fixed in Douglas County.** Crews restored service after a 5 hour outage of 9-1-1 services for residents in Douglas County, Minnesota, November 5. <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/content/911-service-problem-fixed-douglas-county>

## NATIONAL

**(National) Phishing attack leads to title firm breach.** Fidelity National Financial notified an unspecified number of customers that personal and financial information including payment card, driver's license, and Social Security numbers may have been compromised when attackers gained access to employees' email accounts via a phishing attack. The company stated that an investigation showed that the attackers' goal was to obtain information in order to redirect scheduled money transfers. <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/phishing-attack-leads-to-bank-breach-a-7502>

## INTERNATIONAL

**(Nigeria) 47 people killed in bombing outside Nigerian school; Boko Haram suspected.** At least 47 people were killed and 79 were wounded Monday by a suicide bombing outside a school in northern Nigeria, police said. The attacker was disguised as a student when he set off the explosion in a government boarding school in the town of Potiskum, police spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu said. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/10/world/africa/nigeria-bombing/>

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**(International) BlackEnergy cyberespionage group targets Linux systems and Cisco routers.** Researchers with Kaspersky Lab reported that the cyberespionage group that uses the BlackEnergy malware has developed several modules for the malware that can be downloaded to infected systems to add the ability to perform port scanning, disk wiping, digital certificate theft, and other actions. The malware has compromised routers, Linux systems, and Windows systems and the group behind it targets organizations in the energy, manufacturing, banking, and education sectors as well as government agencies.

<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2843153/blackenergy-cyberespionage-group-targets-linux-systems-and-cisco-routers.html>

**(International) Feds arrest alleged 'Silk Road 2' admin, seize servers.** FBI and DHS agents arrested a San Francisco man and charged him with drug trafficking, conspiracy to commit hacking, and money laundering for allegedly operating the Silk Road 2.0 underweb market that sold illegal drugs, fraudulent identification documents, and hacking services and tools. U.S. and European authorities seized control of servers hosting Silk Road 2.0 following the arrest.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/11/feds-arrest-alleged-silk-road-2-admin-seize-servers/>

**(International) After Silk Road 2, global law enforcement seizes other dark markets.** U.S. and European law enforcement agencies undertook joint action against several other underweb marketplaces following actions against the Silk Road 2.0 marketplace, resulting in 17 arrests and the takedown of over 410 hidden services. Authorities also seized around \$1 million in cash, illegal drugs, and precious metals. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17605>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**(National) Capital One employee accesses customer info without authorization.** Capital One stated in a letter to affected customers that a former employee at the bank gained unauthorized access to an undisclosed amount of customer data that included names, account numbers, and Social Security numbers. The company has increased security measures and law enforcement agencies are investigating.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Capital-One-Employee-Accesses-Customer-Info-without-Authorization-463624.shtml>

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**(International)** Australia, UK and US are most affected by Dridex banking trojan. Trend Micro researchers identified an email campaign attempting to distribute the Dridex banking trojan and targeting users in the U.S., U.K., and Australia. The malware is considered the successor to the Cridex banking trojan and can steal online banking credentials. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Australia-UK-and-US-Are-Most-Affected-by-Dridex-Banking-Trojan-464287.shtml>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Colorado)** Substance that prompted evacuation in Broomfield deemed safe. More than 100 people were evacuated from a Broomfield office building for several hours October 30 while HAZMAT crews investigated an unknown powdery substance that was found on a desk. Two employees who came in contact with the substance were decontaminated as a precaution, and the incident remains under investigation. [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_26829702/broomfield-office-building-evacuated-after-unknown-substance-found](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_26829702/broomfield-office-building-evacuated-after-unknown-substance-found)

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(Minnesota)** CenturyLink outage due to fiber cut, technicians working to restore service. Thousands of CenturyLink customers across northern Minnesota remained without phone or Internet service November 4 after a fiber optic cable was damaged by a utility company working in the area November 3. <http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/iron-range/CenturyLink-outage-due-to-fiber-cut-technicians-working-to-restore-service-281395401.html>

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(International)** Ford recalls 200,000 vehicles, including F-150, Flex, Crown Victoria. Ford announced five recalls for around 200,000 total vehicles in North America, with the largest recall covering 135,000 model year 2014 Flex and F-150 vehicles due to an airbag seat sensor issue. The other recalls affect 39,000 model year 2005-2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Lincoln Town Car, and Mercury Grand

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Marquis vehicles; 28,000 model year 2014 Ford Transit Connect; and smaller amounts of Transit Connect and F-150 vehicles.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-ford-f150-flex-recall-20141104-story.html>

**(National) Audi recalling nearly 102,000 cars to fix air bags.** Audi announced a recall for around 102,000 model year 2013-2015 A4, S4, and Allroad vehicles due to an improperly programmed airbag control module that could cause the airbags to fail to inflate in a secondary impact.

<http://www.kmov.com/news/consumer/Audi-recalling-nearly-102000-cars-to-fix-air-bags-281604311.html>

**(International) Hyundai and Kia to pay record EPA fine.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 3 that Hyundai Motor Group will pay \$100 million in penalties for overstating the fuel economy estimates of several Hyundai and Kia models. The fuel mileage underestimation also caused greenhouse gas emissions to be understated over the life of the vehicles, and the company agreed to forfeit over \$200 million worth of greenhouse gas emission credits and spend around \$50 million to prevent future violations.

<http://money.cnn.com/2014/11/03/autos/hyundai-kia-epa-fine/>

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Pennsylvania) Captured: manhunt ends for trooper ambush suspect.**

Pennsylvania police captured a suspect October 30 in an abandoned airplane hangar in Blooming Grove after he surrendered following a September 12 targeted attack where the suspect allegedly opened fire killing a trooper and seriously injuring another. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/captured-manhunt-ends-for-trooper-ambush-suspect/ar-BBc6H2f>

## **ENERGY**

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**(National) Sunoco to go ahead with \$2.5 billion pipeline through Pennsylvania.** A \$2.5 billion pipeline project was announced by Sunoco Logistics with a proposed capacity of 275,000 barrels of liquids per day that is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2016. The Mariner East 2 line will start in Ohio and carry natural gas liquids from the Marcellus and Utica shale regions to refineries and export points on the East Coast. <http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/companies-powersource/2014/11/06/Sunoco-announced-2-5B-pipeline-through-Pennsylvania/stories/201411060284>

**(North Dakota) North Dakota Department of Health responds to 168,000-gallon water spill in Bowman County.** The North Dakota Department of Health announced October 31 that 168,000 gallons of water leaked from a pipeline at a Denbury Onshore-well in Bowman County October 29 into a drainage. The water is used to enhance oil recovery and is high in dissolved solids and minerals. <http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/0119acf2025d4604a2657818036c4b72/ND--Water-Spill>

**(California) Porterville police: Thieves steal \$20K in copper from Edison substation.** Police in Porterville are searching for 2 suspects who stole 7,000 to 8,000 feet of copper wire worth \$20,000 from the Southern California Edison Porterville substation October 28. [http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/11/07/4222455\\_porterville-police-thieves-steal.html](http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/11/07/4222455_porterville-police-thieves-steal.html)

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Florida; North Carolina; Louisiana) Three subsidiaries of the world's largest fertilizer producer to reduce harmful air emissions at eight production plants.** Three subsidiaries of Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (PCS) agreed to pay a \$1.3 million civil penalty to resolve allegations brought forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice that the companies violated the Clean Air Act when they modified eight U.S. fertilizer production facilities in ways that released excess sulfur dioxide. The companies will also spend an estimated \$50 million to reduce air emissions at production plants in White Springs, Florida; Aurora, North Carolina; and Geismar, Louisiana. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/596e17d7cac720848525781f0043629e/4e642eb4c6e0535f85257d880049c0f8>

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## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Pennsylvania)** Security breach at Lewisburg Area School District. The Buffalo Valley Regional Police announced a suspect was in custody following a Lewisburg Area School District computer security breach. Authorities are investigating and do not believe any information was misused after an internal file housing over 1,300 students' addresses, phone numbers, and Social Security numbers was accessed in October. <http://wnep.com/2014/10/30/security-breach-at-lewisburg-area-school-district/>

**(California)** Thieves steal over \$20,000 in computers from elementary school. Authorities are searching for two suspects who stole about 30 tablets valued at roughly \$25,000 from Bryant Elementary School in Riverside November 2. <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/11/04/thieves-steal-over-20k-in-computers-from-elementary-school/>

**(Washington)** Marysville high students returning today after shooting. Classes resumed at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington November 3 following an October 24 attack that left 3 students dead and 2 others injured after a student gunman opened fire before killing himself. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/03/marysville-students-return/18400675/>

**(Maryland)** Student accused of planning shooting at Carver Center is charged as an adult. Baltimore County police arrested and charged a teenage student November 3 for plotting an attack at the George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology in Towson. Police found crude and homemade explosive devices as well as a gun at the teenager's home after he confessed to an officer about his plan. <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/bs-md-co-school-shooting-plans-20141103-story.html>

**(Wisconsin)** About 40 students taken to hospital after chemical leak in Mauston. Fumes from a leaking chlorine pump that mixed with muriatic acid in the basement of Olson Middle School in Mauston caused about 40 students to be transported to an area hospital after they began experiencing nausea and

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headaches October 31. Officials aired out the building over the weekend of November 1 and classes were set to resume November 3.

<http://www.wkow.com/story/27176158/2014/10/31/pool-chemicals-cause-mauston-middle-school-to-evacuate>

**(Maryland)** Maryland man charged with threatening to kill U.S. President in an email. Authorities arrested and charged a Maryland man October 30 with sending an email to the White House Web site October 16 threatening to kill the U.S. President and his family. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/maryland-man-charged-with-threatening-to-kill-obama-in-email/ar-BBcBaXg>

**(National)** Three charged in U.S. presidential helicopter fraud case. Federal prosecutors charged a U.S. Marine Corps officer and two Valour LLC defense contractors November 6 for conspiring on a bid to do work for Marine Helicopter Squadron One, which is used to transport the U.S. President and vice president. The officer was accused of leaking confidential information on the proposed bid contract and taking part in a selection board to evaluate bidders after working with the contractors to draft a proposal favoring their company. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/three-charged-in-us-presidential-helicopter-fraud-case/ar-AA6UB24>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International)** New version of Backoff PoS malware appears: Fortinet. Researchers with Fortinet recently reported finding a new version of the Backoff point-of-sale (PoS) malware with the version name ROM that includes changes designed to make the malware more difficult to detect and analyze. <http://www.securityweek.com/new-version-backoff-pos-malware-appears-fortinet>

**(International)** 227,747 new malware samples created daily. PandaLabs reported that around 20 million new strains of malware were created during the third quarter (Q3) of 2014, with trojans the most common type of malware at 78.08 percent, among other findings. [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2905](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2905)

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**(International)** **Compromised EDU domain used to send out Zeus-laden emails.** Researchers with PhishMe detected a spam email campaign distributing the Zeus (also known as Zbot) information-stealing trojan through email addresses belonging to an undisclosed U.S. educational organization with around 25,000-30,000 enrolled students. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Compromised-EDU-Domain-Used-to-Send-Out-ZeuS-Laden-Emails-464072.shtml>

**(International)** **Belkin flings out patch after Metasploit module turns guests to admins.** Belkin recently released a patch for its N750 dual-band router to close a vulnerability demonstrated in a Metasploit module that could allow attackers on guest networks to gain root access. Users were advised to update their firmware to close the vulnerability.  
[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/11/07/belkin\\_flings\\_patch\\_after\\_metasploit\\_module\\_turns\\_guests\\_to\\_admins/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/11/07/belkin_flings_patch_after_metasploit_module_turns_guests_to_admins/)

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**(National)** **Flu Season Brings Stronger Vaccines And Revised Advice.** Whether you choose mist or injection, federal guidelines urge that everyone over the age of 6 months get vaccinated against the flu — especially pregnant women, says Dr. William Schaffner of the Vanderbilt University Medical School.  
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/11/06/362031253/flu-season-brings-stronger-vaccines-and-revised-advice>

**(International)** **A look at the worst-ever Ebola epidemic by numbers.** As the biggest-ever outbreak of Ebola continues to ravage West Africa, here are a few key numbers to get a handle on the epidemic.  
[http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/latest-news/ap/a-look-at-the-worst-ever-ebola-epidemic-by-numbers/article\\_d85fcf62-0e67-52ae-9d82-06ccbe2f0138.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/latest-news/ap/a-look-at-the-worst-ever-ebola-epidemic-by-numbers/article_d85fcf62-0e67-52ae-9d82-06ccbe2f0138.html)

## TRANSPORTATION

**(National)** **US sues Southwest Airlines over maintenance issues.** The federal government filed suit against Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. November 3 after a settlement could not be reached following an investigation in July by the Federal Aviation Administration alleging that the company hired a contractor that

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did not meet safety standards or follow proper procedures while making repairs on 44 aircraft. The U.S. Department of Justice is seeking civil penalties worth \$12 million against the company.

[http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2024946254\\_apxsouthwestairlinesfine](http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2024946254_apxsouthwestairlinesfine)

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(California)** California voters approve \$7.5 billion water bond. California voters approved \$7.5 billion November 4 to fund water projects and programs designed to improve water conservation and recycling, groundwater cleanup, and water storage as well as for building two new reservoirs.

<http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/california/2014/11/05/california-prop-1-results/18510121/>

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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